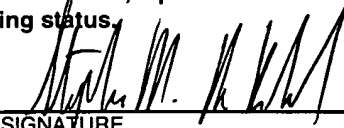


TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 7751P001 U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) 10/560,698
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/DE2004/001194	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 11 June 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 11 June 2003
TITLE OF INVENTION DEVICE HAVING AN AIRCUSHION BEARING AND GUIDEWAY MADE OF TILES (as amended)		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Karl Weis		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371. 3. <input type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. 4. <input type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31). 5. <input type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). 6. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. b. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)). 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). b. <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. c. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. d. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made. 8. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)). 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). 10. <input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). 		
Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 11. <input type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. 12. <input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. 13. <input type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment. 14. <input type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. 15. <input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification. 16. <input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter. 17. <input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825. 18. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)). 19. <input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4)). 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Other items or information. 		
Response to Notification of Missing Requirements; copy of Notification of Missing Requirements; return receipt postcard. _____ _____ _____		

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The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
21. <input type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) \$300				\$	
22. <input type="checkbox"/> Examination fee (37 CFR 1.492(c)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4) \$0 All other situations \$200				\$	
23. <input type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33 (1)-(4)..... \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority \$100 International Search Report Prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB \$400 All other situations \$500					
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =				\$	
Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$ 130.00	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	20 - 20 =	0	x 50	\$ 0.00	
Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0	x 200	\$ 0.00	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+ 360	\$	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 130.00	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees are reduced by 1/2.				\$ 130.00	
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 65.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). <input type="checkbox"/>				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 65.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$	
Other fee (specify):					
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 65.00	
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<p>05/17/2006 MKAYPAGH 00000153 10560698</p> <p>01 FC:26 67 65.00 0P</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A check(s) in the amount of \$ <u>65.00</u> to cover the above fees is enclosed.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Please charge my Deposit Account No. <u>02-2666</u> in the amount of \$ <u>65.00</u> to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>02-2666</u>. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.</p> <p>NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137 (a) or (b) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.</p>					
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>May 10, 2006</u> DATE</p> <p>SEND ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: Blakely, Sokoloff, Taylor & Zafman LLP 12400 Wilshire Boulevard, 7th Floor Los Angeles, CA 90025 Telephone: (408) 720-8300</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"> SIGNATURE Stephen M. De Klerk NAME 46,503 REGISTRATION NUMBER</p>		

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS
UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 371 IN THE
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed on March 13, 2006, please find enclosed:

- (1) The Declaration and Power of Attorney executed by the inventor in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.497(a) and (b);
- (2) A check in the amount of \$65.00 in payment of the surcharge of 37 C.F.R. § 1.492(e) (late oath or declaration) (small entity fee); and

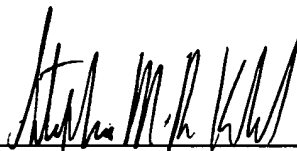
(3) A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US).

If any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2666. A duplicate of this Response is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 10, 2006



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NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a Designated / Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495).

- Indication of Small Entity Status
- Copy of the International Application filed on 12/12/2005.
- Copy of the International Search Report filed on 12/12/2005
- Preliminary Amendments filed on 12/12/2005
- Information Disclosure Statements filed on 12/12/2005
- Small Entity Statement filed on 12/12/2005
- U.S. Basic National Fees filed on 12/12/2005
- Priority Documents filed on 12/12/2005
- Specification filed on 12/12/2005
- Claims filed on 12/12/2005
- Abstracts filed on 12/12/2005

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
- To avoid abandonment, a surcharge (for late submission of filing fee, search fee, examination fee or oath or declaration) as set forth in 37 CFR 1.492(h) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

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Total additional fees required for this application is \$65 for a Small Entity:

- \$65 Surcharge.

ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 32 MONTHS FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the response.*

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